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	Surveys in progress
1.	Ramagundum-Manguru
2.	Cumbum-Proddatur
3.	Kondapalli-Kothagudam
4.	Koyagudam-Tadikalapudi
5.	*Markapur Rd-Srisallem*
6.	Gudur-Durgarajapatnam
7.	Gadwal-Macherla
8.	Puttaparthy to Kadiri *via* Nallamada

Bid for advertisements on railway coaches

1648. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bid for advertisements on Railway coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much earning would be expected from the advertisements on railway coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Policy guidelines already exist for commercial advertising on railway coaches through competitive bidding. There are various schemes of commercial advertising on interior and exterior of the trains like display of advertisement panels, vinyl wrapping of coaches, packages of advertising rights on trains etc.

(c) An amount of Rs. 99.50 crore has been earned through commercial publicity from April, 07 to Dec., 07 which includes earnings through publicity on trains. Various new ideas/ schemes for commercial advertising on trains are being tried and it is expected to earn a handsome amount.

Tatkal Sewa charges

1649. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the effective Tatkal Sewa charges for busy season and off season;

(b) whether it is a fact that instead of a separate 72 berth coach for Tatkal Sewa 10 per cent of the seats in all categories of coaches are used for Tatkal Sewa and thereby deprive routine facility passengers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Tatkal Sewa passengers are required to pay full fare from originating station to destination even if they board or drop in between on that route; and

(d) how much second class sleeper fare including Tatkal Sewa fare is charged for Jamnagar to Kanpur on Okha-Guwahati route and what is the actual fare for Jamnagar-Kanpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The following charges are levied for seeking reservation under Tatkal scheme.

Tatkal Charges

Sl.No.	Class	During non-peak period (15th July to 15th September)	During peak period
(i)	AC 2-tier	Rs.200/-	Rs.300/-
(ii)	AC 3-tier	Rs.200/-	Rs.300/-
(iii)	AC Chair Car	Rs.75/-	Rs.150/-
(iv)	Sleeper	Rs.75/-	Rs.150/-
(v)	2nd Sitting (Reserved)	Rs.15/-	Rs.15/-

Note: In those trains and in those classes where average utilisation of Tatkal accommodation during three months period *i.e.* April to June is 80% and above, Tatkal charges applicable during peak period are charged through out the year *i.e.* for both peak and non-peak periods.

(b) Tatkal scheme is available in all Mail/Express trains and in all reserved classes except First Class and AC First Class. The extent of accommodation earmarked in various trains under Tatkal Scheme varies from 10% to 30% of the accommodation depending upon the average utilisation. The unutilised Tatkal accommodation is released to the RAC/Waitlist passengers at the time of preparation of charts.

(c) Tatkal scheme is primarily available from originating to destination station and it is not available from one intermediate station to another intermediate station. Since Tatkal accommodations is earmarked from end to end, the fare is also charged accordingly. However, Tatkal quota has also been earmarked at certain intermediate stations depending upon the demand pattern, availability of the accommodation and utilisation of end-to-end Tatkal quota. In such trains the passengers travelling from originating station to any station short of such intermediate station will pay fare upto that intermediate station and not upto terminating station of the train.

(d) In train No. 5635 Okha-Guwahati Dwarka Express, Tatkal reservation facility is not available for intermediate stations and the passenger intending to book berth under Tatkal in this train will have to pay fare from Okha to Guwahati which for a Sleeper class berth is Rs. 755/- including Tatkal charges of Rs. 150/- for peak period. The normal fare for a Sleeper class berth for journey from Jamnagar to Kanpur on this route is Rs. 429/-.

Leasing out of railway land

†1650. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any scheme to lease out the railway-land lying vacant at some railway stations in the country for construction of hotel and Yatri Niwas; and

(b) if so, the details of procedure and criteria being adopted by his Ministry in this regard?

† *Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.*